

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17-21, 29, 30, 33, and 35 are pending in the present application.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Zucker for the indication that Claims 1, 2, 4-15, 17-21, 29, 30, 33, and 35 are allowed (numbered paragraph 4, page 4, of the November 15, 2004 Office Action). Consistent with the Examiner's indication, Applicants have canceled rejected Claims 3, 22, 31, 32, 34, and 36-39. In view of the cancellation of Claims 3, 22, 31, 32, 34, and 36-39, Applicants submit that the rejection of the same under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Nofre et al is now believed to be moot. As such, Applicants request withdrawal of the outstanding rejection over Nofre et al.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 16 and 23-28 were previously canceled.

Claims 3, 22, 31, 32, 34, and 36-39 are presently canceled.

Claim 10 has been amended.

The amendment to Claim 10 is supported by the corresponding claim as originally filed.

No new matter has been added by the present amendment.